

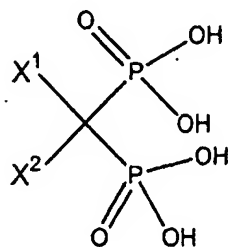
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Canceled)

<sup>1</sup>  
~~12.~~ (Currently amended) A salt monosalt of substituted ~~or unsubstituted~~ methylene bisphosphonic acid of formula I



(I)

wherein X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> are ~~independently hydrogen or halogen both chlorine or one of X<sup>1</sup>~~  
and X<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen and one is chlorine and the monosalt is selected from the group consisting  
of a C<sub>1-6</sub> straight or branched primary, secondary or tertiary alkyl amine salt, an aralkyl amine  
salt, and a basic N-containing heterocycle salt.

13-16. (Canceled)

<sup>2</sup>  
~~17.~~ (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 16~~ <sup>1</sup> monosalt according to claim ~~12~~,  
wherein the salt monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a C<sub>1-4</sub> straight or branched  
primary, secondary or tertiary alkylamine salt, an aralkyl amine salt, and a basic N-containing  
heterocycle salt ~~or an alkali metal salt~~.

<sup>3</sup>  
~~18.~~ (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 17~~ <sup>1</sup> monosalt according to claim ~~12~~,

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wherein the salt monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a triethylamine, tri-n-propylamine, diisopropylethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, pyridine, and tribenzylamine ~~or sodium~~ salt.

19-23. (Canceled)